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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 2560 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN DAR ES SALAAM
GABORONE LAGOS LONDON LUSAKA MAPUTO OTTAWA PARAMARIBO PARIS
PRETORIA CAPE TOWN AUG 11.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2560

PARAMARIBO FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: THIRD DAY OF WESTERN FIVE TALKS WITH SWAPO -
AFTERNOON SESSION

REF: A) USUN 2555

B) USUN 2556

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AUGUST 10 AFTERNOON OF THE
WESTERN FIVE TALKS WITH SWAPO CONCENTRATED ON SWAPO'S INITIAL
REACTION TO THE ILLUSTRATIVE TIMETABLE PRESENTED BY THE FIVE
THAT MORNING. AS EXPECTED, SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA
REFRAINED FROM ANY OVERALL ENDORSEMENT OR REJECTION OF THE
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TIMETABLE. HE SUGGESTED CERTAIN ALTERATIONS, INCLUDING
ACCELERATED DEPARTURE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, WHICH COULD
MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
TO ACCEPT TIMETALBE AS WHOLE. END SUMMARY.

2. REPLYING TO AMBASSADOR MCHENRY'S REQUEST FOR
SWAPO'S GENERAL REACTION TO THE TIMETABLE, NUJOMA

REFRAINED FROM ANY OVERALL ENDORSEMENT OR REJECTION, SAYING THAT THE TIMETABLE CONTAINED ELEMENTS WITH WHICH SWAPO COULD AGREE AND OTHER ELEMENTS WITH WHICH IT DISAGREED. EVEN ON QUESTION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT (SEE ITEM 1 OF TIMETABLE IN REFTEL B), WITH WHICH HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, HE TOOK CAUTIOUS POSITION THAT SWAPO WAS NOT ABLE AT THIS TIME TO APPROACH THE SECRETARY GENERAL. HOWEVER, NUJOMA AGREED THAT HE COULD TAKE A POSITIVE LINE ON UN CONTINGENCY PLANNING IF THE SECRETARY GENERAL APPROACHED HIM UNDER THE AEGIS OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385.

3. NUJOMA ALSO AGREED TO SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION (ITEM 2), CEASEFIRE AND CONFINEMENT OF TROOPS TO BASES (ITEM 3) AND FIRST PHASES OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL (ITEMS 4 AND 5), SUBJECT IN LATTER CASES TO ASSURANCES ON VERIFICATION.

4. HE WANTED TO MOVE RETURN OF SWAPO MEMBERS (ITEM 4) FORWARD IN TIME TO ITEM 6 WHEN REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION WOULD HAVE BEEN REPEALED.

5. FIRST MAJOR SWAPO DISAGREEMENT WAS ON CONCENTRATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AT GROOTFONTEIN BASE (ITEM 6). NUJOMA PROPOSED THAT TROOPS BE CONFIDENTIAL

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CENTRATED AT KARASBURG, NOT FAR FROM THE ORANGE RIVER BORDER WITH SOUTH AFRICA, INSTEAD OF GROOTFONTEIN. FROM KARASBURG, HE SAID, THEY WOULD FIND IT HARDER TO INTERVENE. ALSO IN ITEM 6, NUJOMA PROPOSED MOVING OFFICIAL OPENING OF ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN FORWARD IN TIME TO ITEM 7.

6. NUJOMA ALSO REJECTED CONTINUED PRESSURE OF A LIMITED FACE-SAVING SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE EIGHTEEN WEEKS AFTER AGREEMENT ENTERS INTO EFFECT (ITEM 7). HE INSISTED THAT ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS MUST BE WITHDRAWN BEFORE THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS. THIS WAS THE SAME POSITION HE TOOK AT THE START OF THE TALKS, WHEN HE SAID ALL SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS MUST BE OUT WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

7. NUJOMA SAID THAT SWAPO SAW NO NEED FOR TWO ELECTIONS (ITEMS 8 AND 11). ONE ELECTION AT ITEM 8 COULD SELECT REPRESENTATIVES WHO WOULD WRITE A CONSTITUTION AND FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO DEFINITELY FIX TIEMS 10-12 IN THE

TIMETALBE, AND THAT THESE TIEMS WOULD HAVE TO
REMAIN TENTATIVE FOR THE TIME BEING.

8. AT THE CONCLUSION OF SWAPO'S PRESENTATION,
AMBASSADOR MCHENRY SAID THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS
THAT SOME OF SWAPO'S IDEAS, ESPECIALLY AN ACCELERATED
DEPARTURE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AND THE USE OF
KARASBURG BASE, WOULD BE RESISTED BY THE SOUTH
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND WOULD MAKE OVERALL SOUTH
AFRICAN AGREEMENT THAT MUCH HARDER TO OBTAIN.
HOWEVER, THE FIVE WOULD CONVEY SWAPO'S IDEAS TO
THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS FOR CONSIDERATION.

9. COMMENT: ANOTHER MEETING WITH SWAPO HAS BEEN
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SCHEDULED FOR THE MORNING OF AUGUST 11 TO PRODUCE
AN AGREED SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPLE POINTS OF THE DISCUSSION.
WE WILL COMMENT FURTHER ON THE AGREED TEXT.
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